

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-7 and 13-16 have been allowed. Claims 8-12 and 17-20 stand rejected. Claims 8 and 17 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101, and previously allowed claim 13 has been amended to conform to the format of amended claims 8 and 17. Claims 9, 10 and 12 have been amended stylistically. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 17 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-7 and 13-16 have been allowed. Claims 8-12 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. In view of the amendments to independent claims 8 and 17, these rejections should be removed.

There are no rejections based on prior art. All of claims 1-20 are allowable over the cited prior art, as stated on page 6(paragraph [5]) of the Final Office Action.

No other fees are believed due in connection herewith. Please charge any fee

deficiency or credit any overpayment to the undersigned attorneys' Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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